

CHILD OPPORTUNITY SCORECARD

What does opportunity
look like for Iowa children?

Iowans think our state is a good place to
raise children. But does the reality live
up to our reputation?

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Child and Family Policy Center

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What we hear ...

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5 IOWA

Overall Rank



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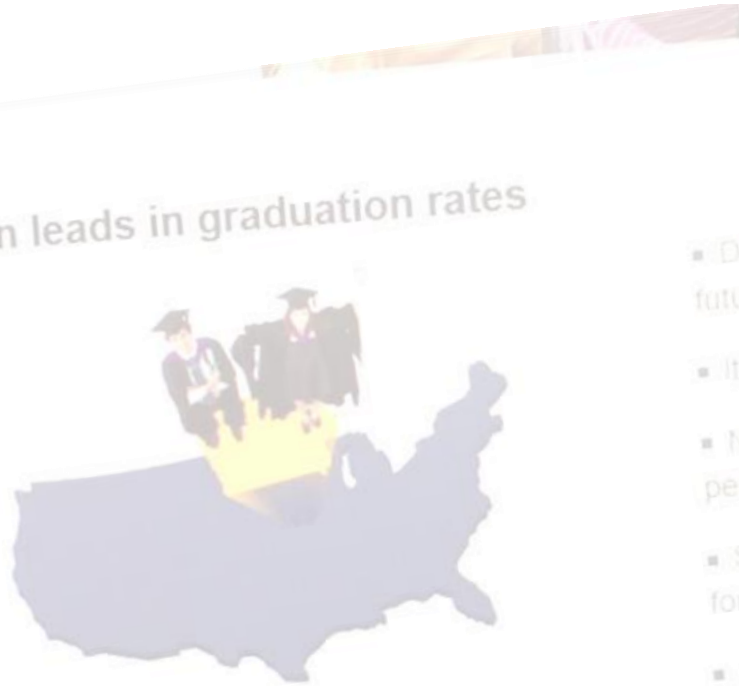
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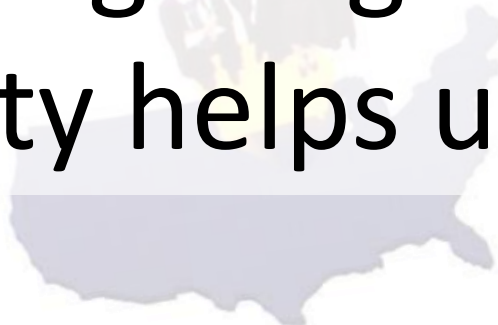
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... but they aren't the whole story.

Disaggregating data by race and ethnicity helps us tell the whole story.

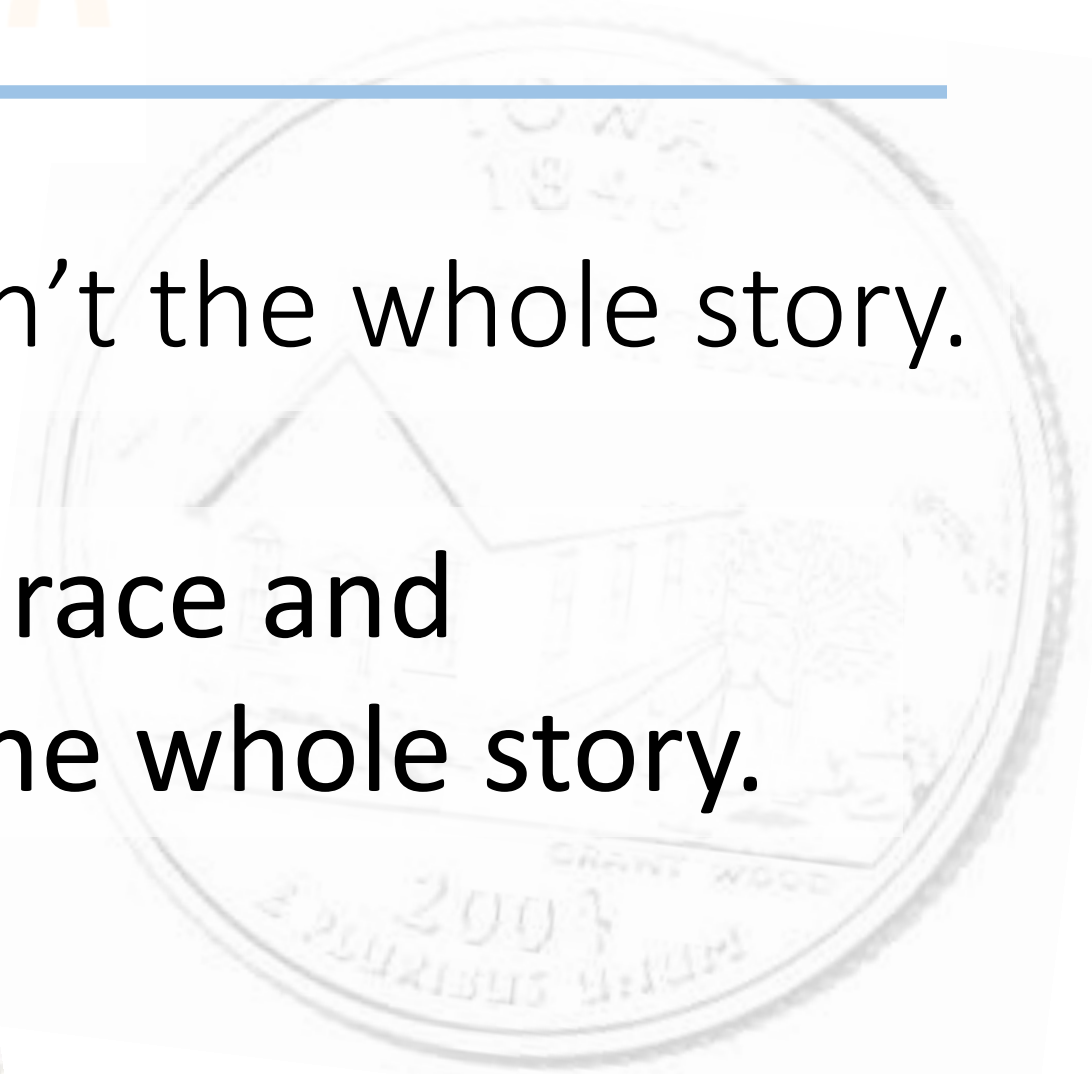
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INDICATOR: ASSETS FOR FINANCIAL SECURITY

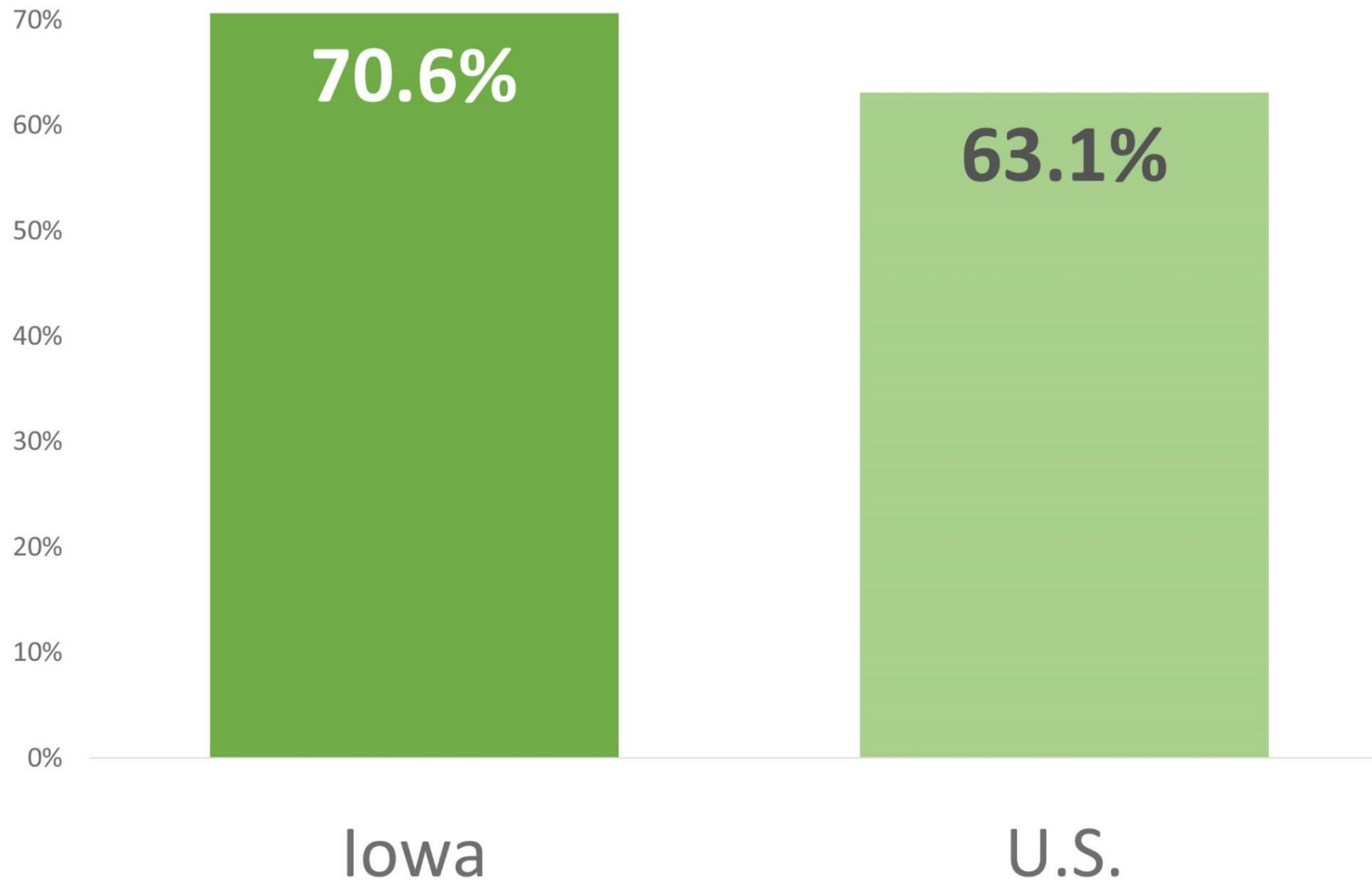
Does the family have resources to help weather setbacks and invest in the future?

Measured by:

Homeownership

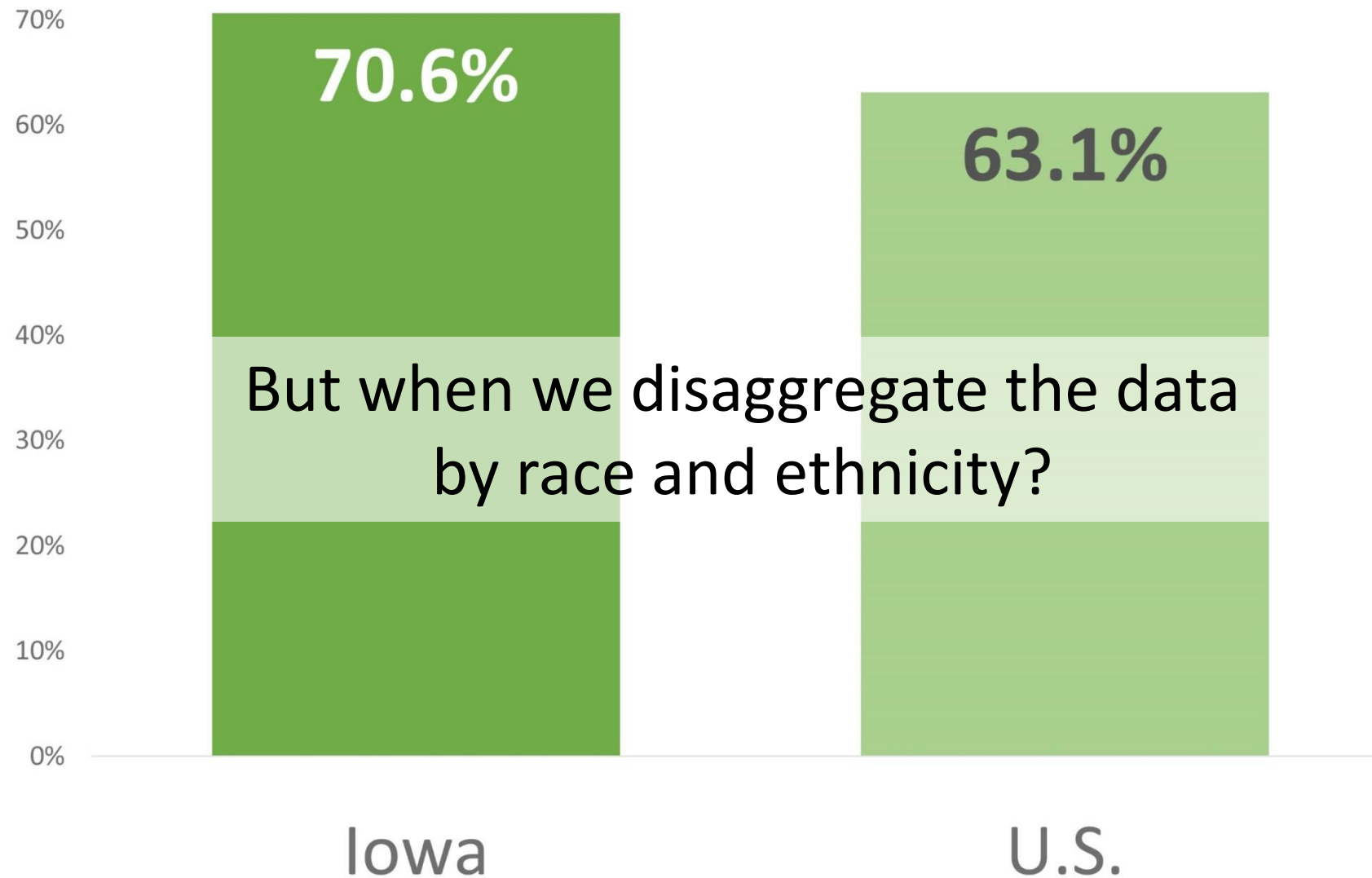
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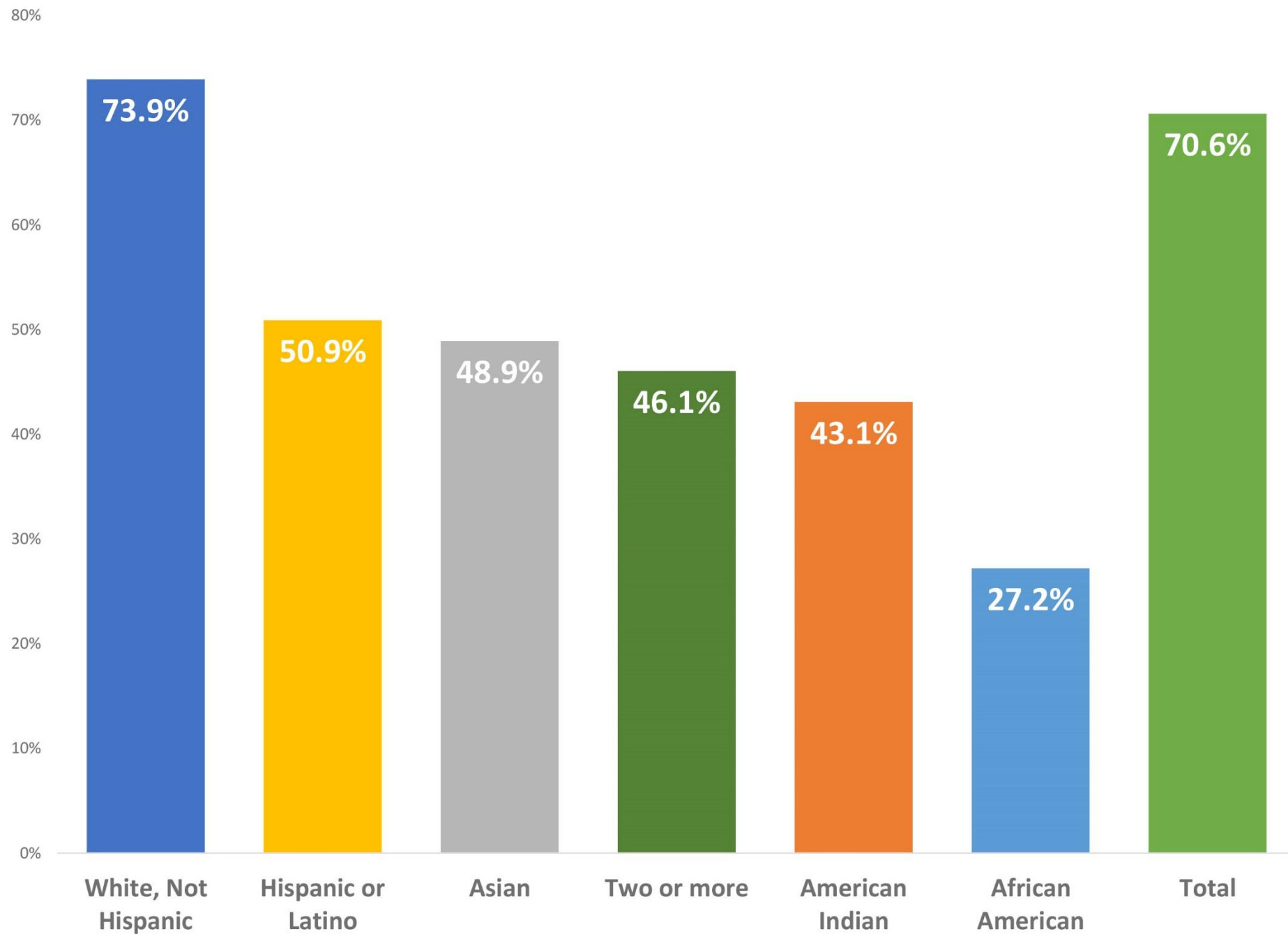
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Percent of Iowa households that are owner-occupied, by race/ethnicity, 2012-16

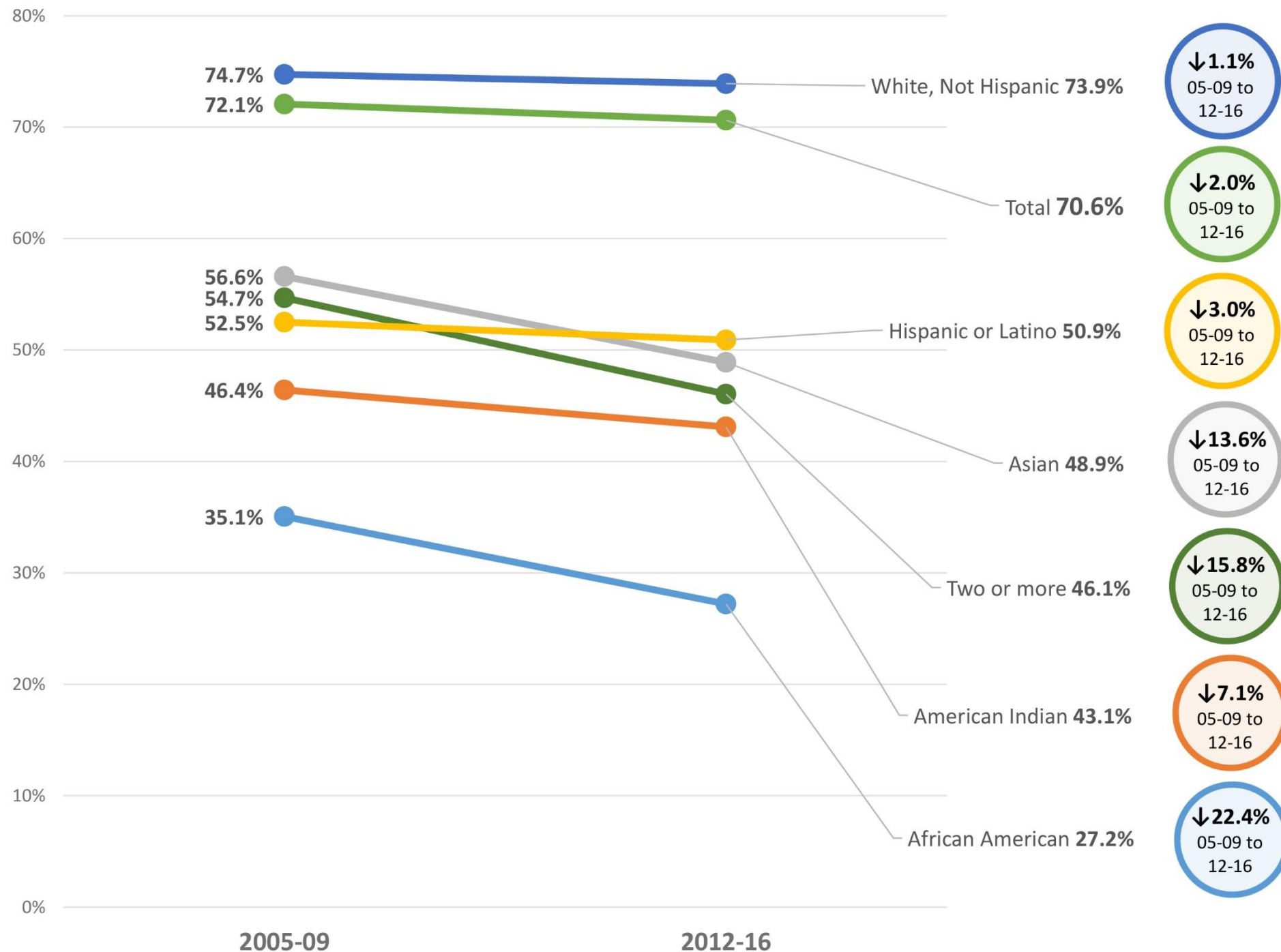
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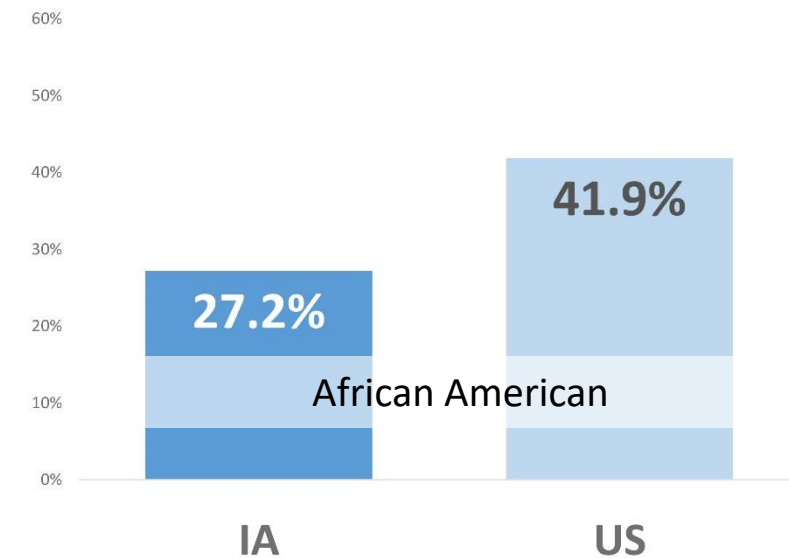
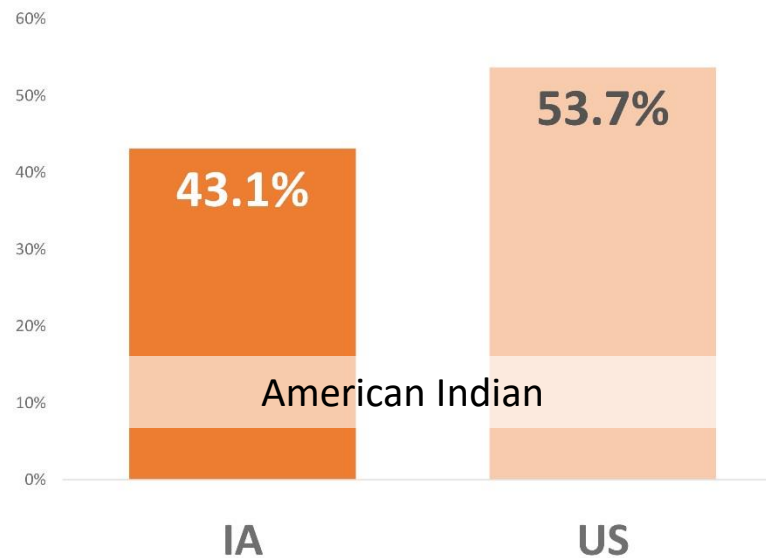
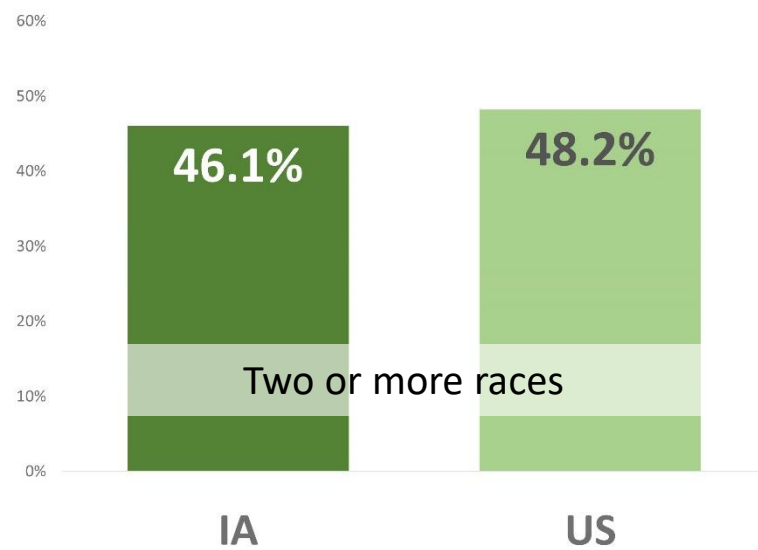
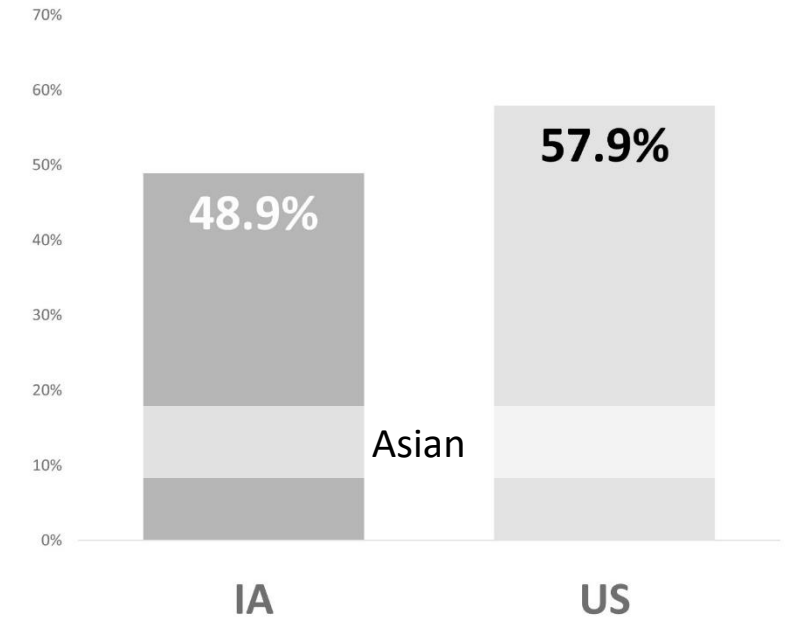
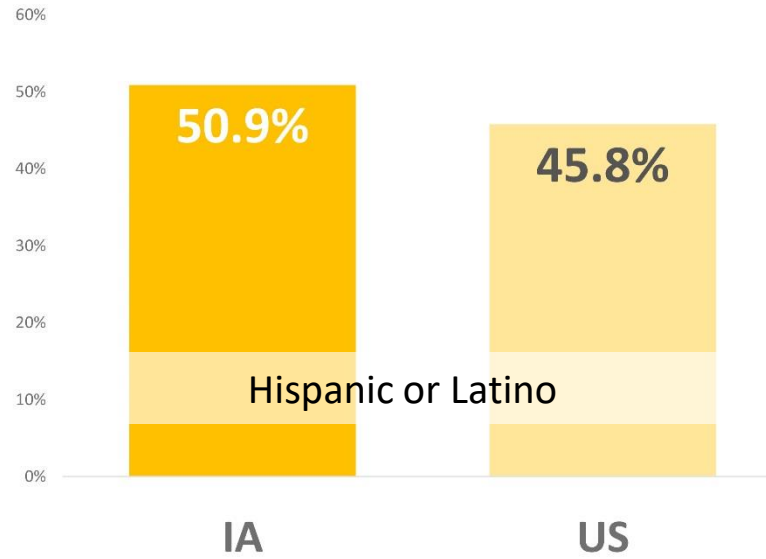
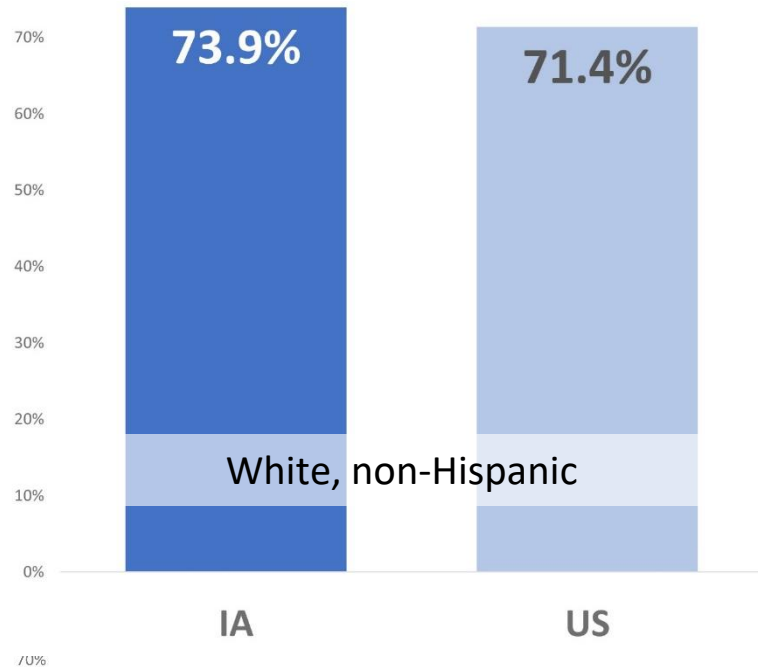
Percent of Iowa households that are owner-occupied, 2005-09 to 2012-16

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Percent of households that are owner-occupied by race/ethnicity, Iowa and U.S., 2012-16

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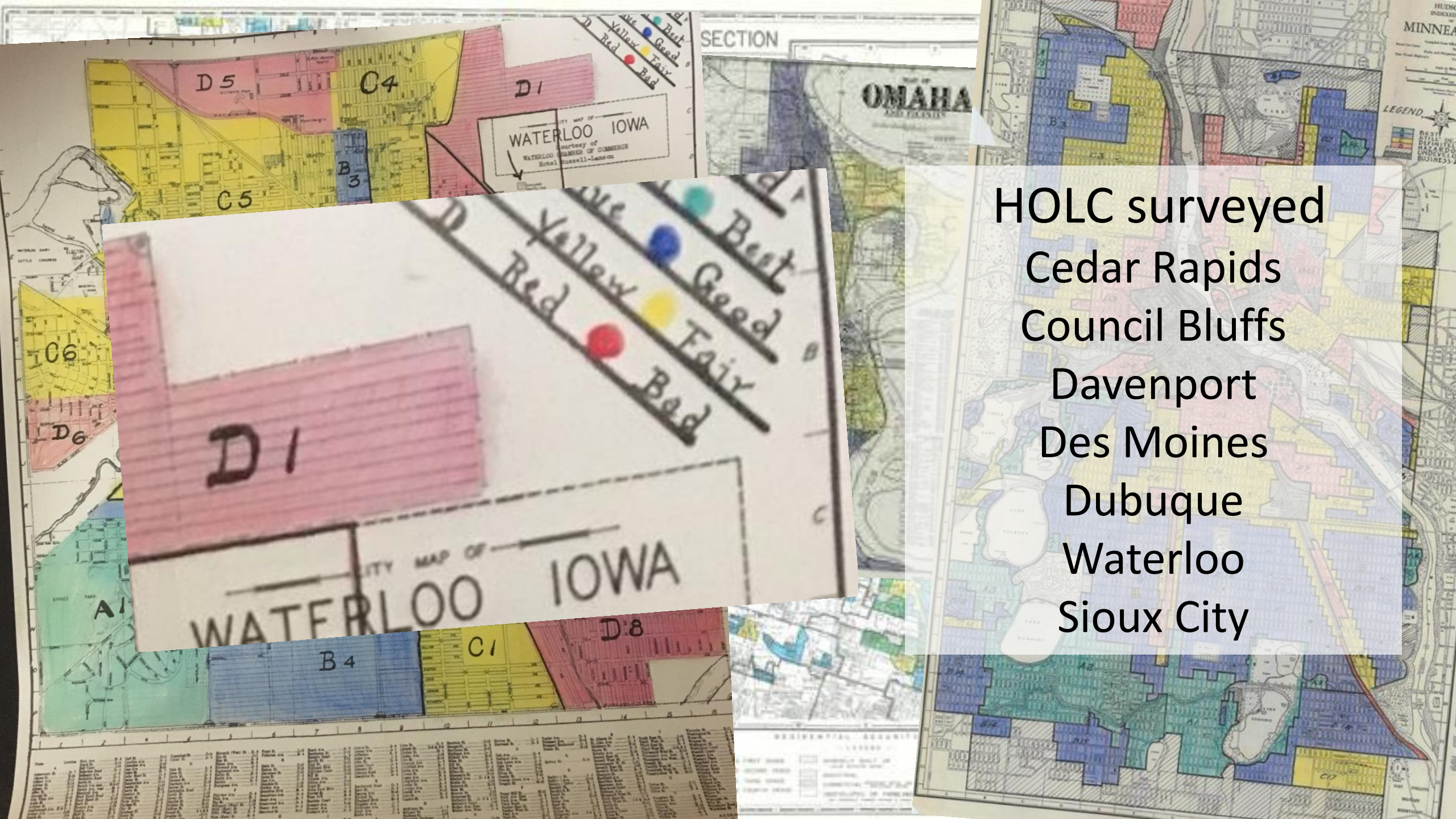




A history lesson

On redlining

With maps produced by HOLC



HOLC surveyed
Cedar Rapids
Council Bluffs
Davenport
Des Moines
Dubuque
Waterloo
Sioux City



B-2

On conservative appraisals, loans could be made here from 60-70%.
Frame houses predominate. Average age is 35 years - rentals from
\$20.00 to \$40.00 per month - values from \$2000.00 to \$4500.00.
. Real estate, packing-house foremen, and business men live in this
district. There is limited rehabilitation required. Sales are
Derreciation of 25% from 1929, of which 15% has been



D-4 Poor workingman's neighborhood close to colored section. Values \$700.00 to \$1800.00. Rentals from \$15.00 to \$30.00 per month. Depreciation 40% - 10% recovery. Considerable rehabilitation necessary.

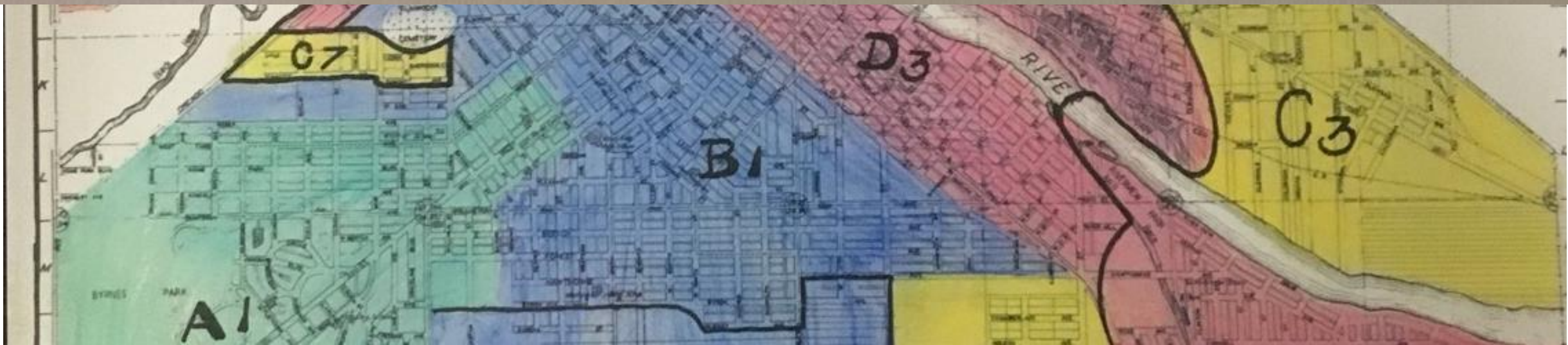
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This is the colored section.





Where does that
leave us today?

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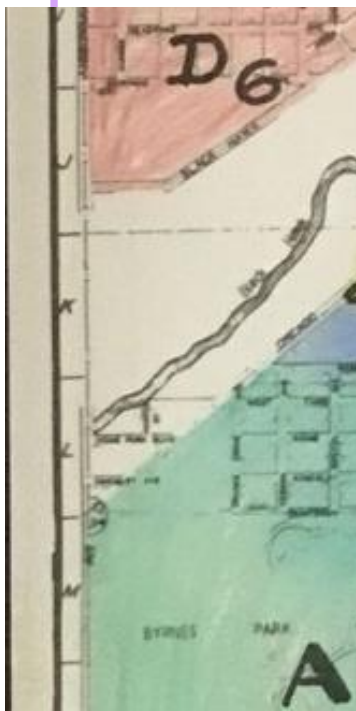
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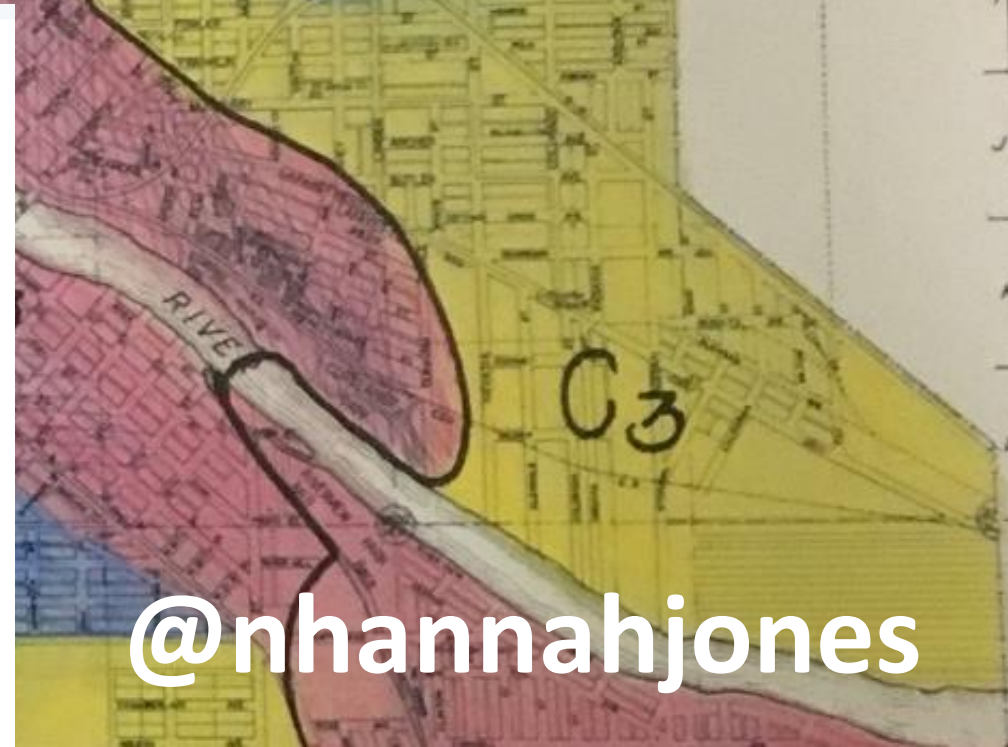
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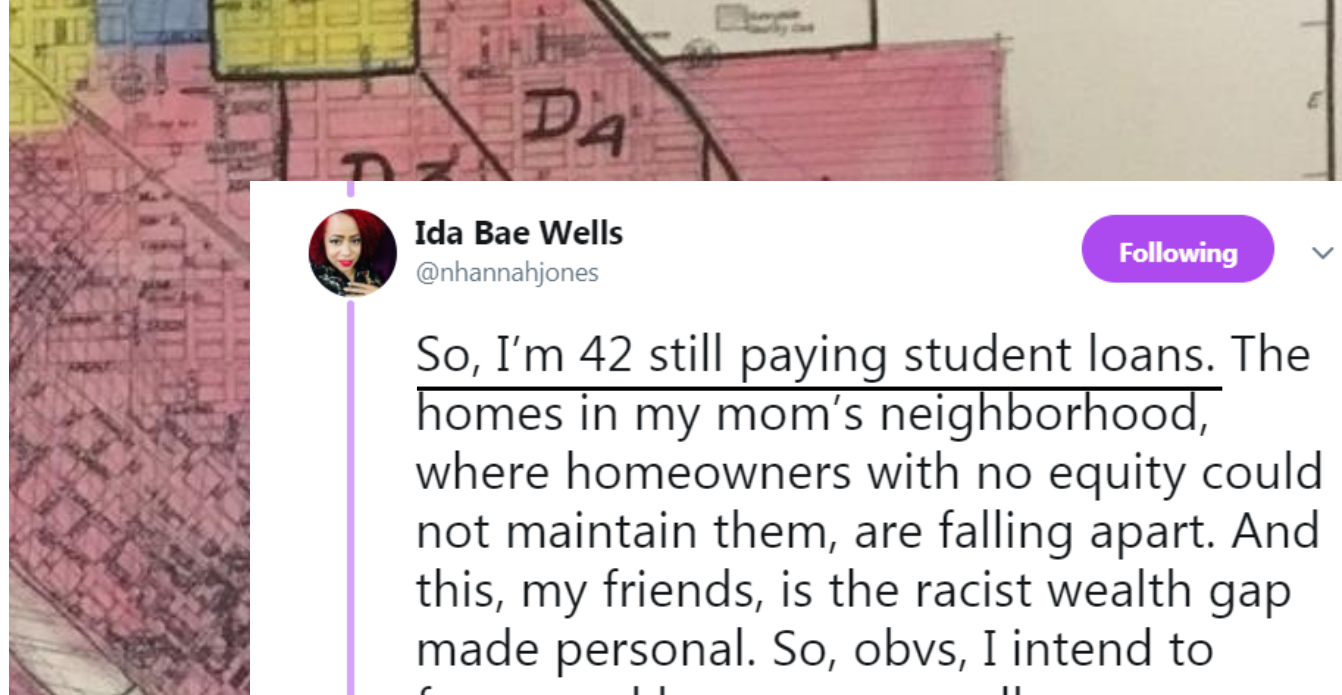
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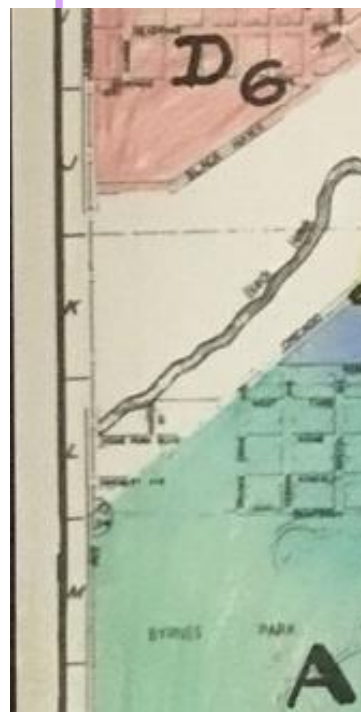
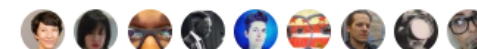
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So, I'm 42 still paying student loans. The homes in my mom's neighborhood, where homeowners with no equity could not maintain them, are falling apart. And this, my friends, is the racist wealth gap made personal. So, obvs, I intend to frame and hang on my wall.

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INDICATOR: SCHOOL SUCCESS

Is the child building the skills needed for a productive adulthood?

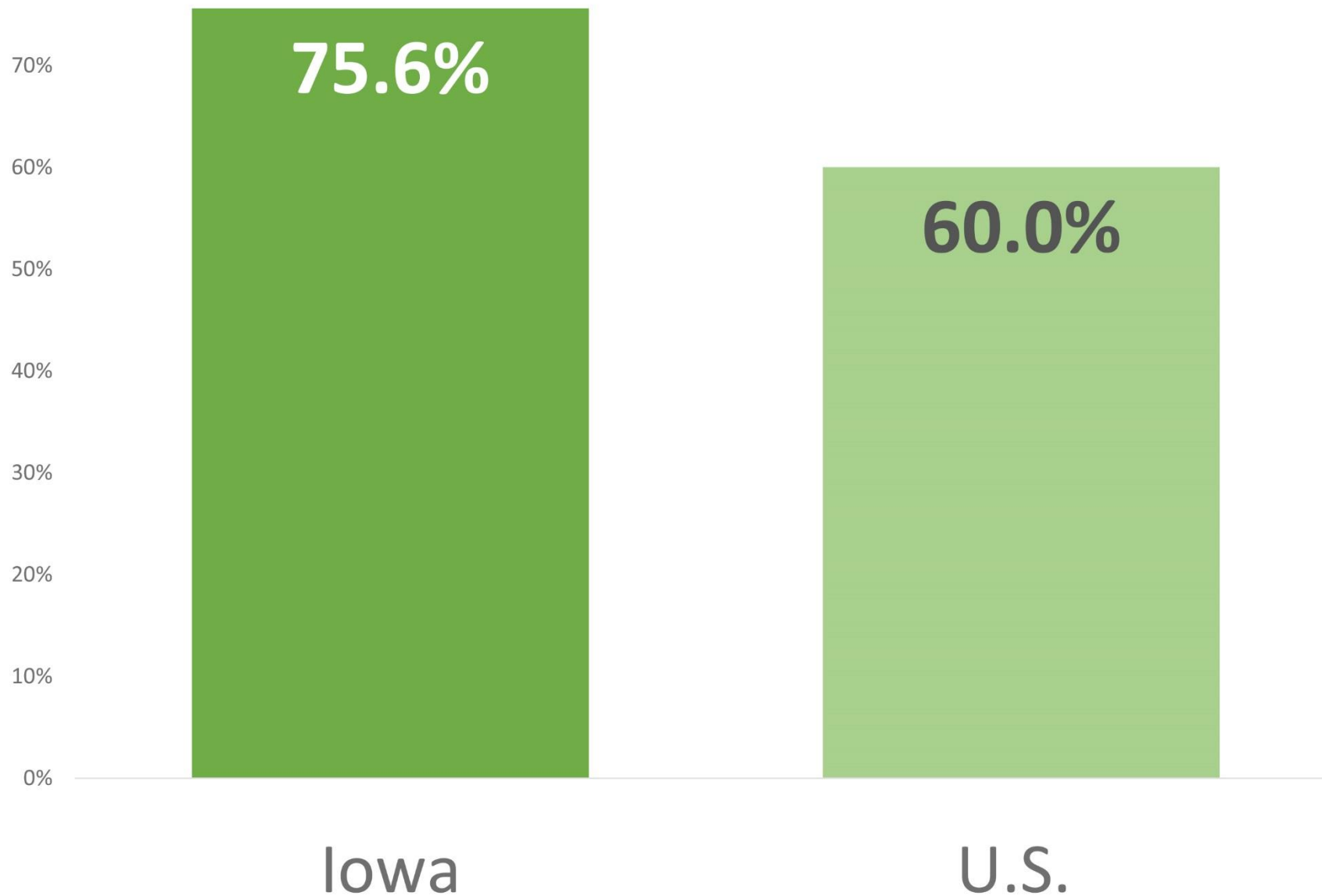
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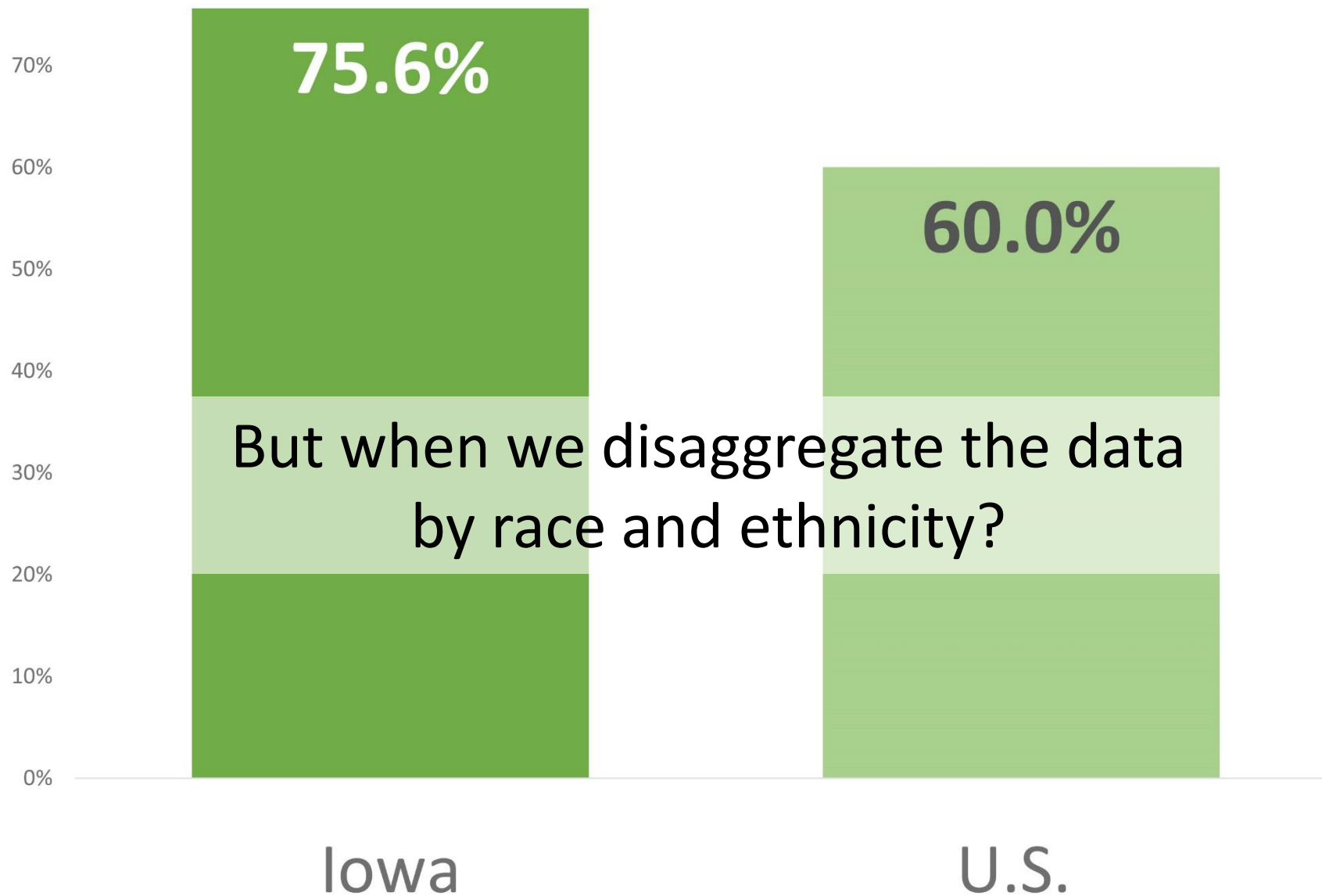
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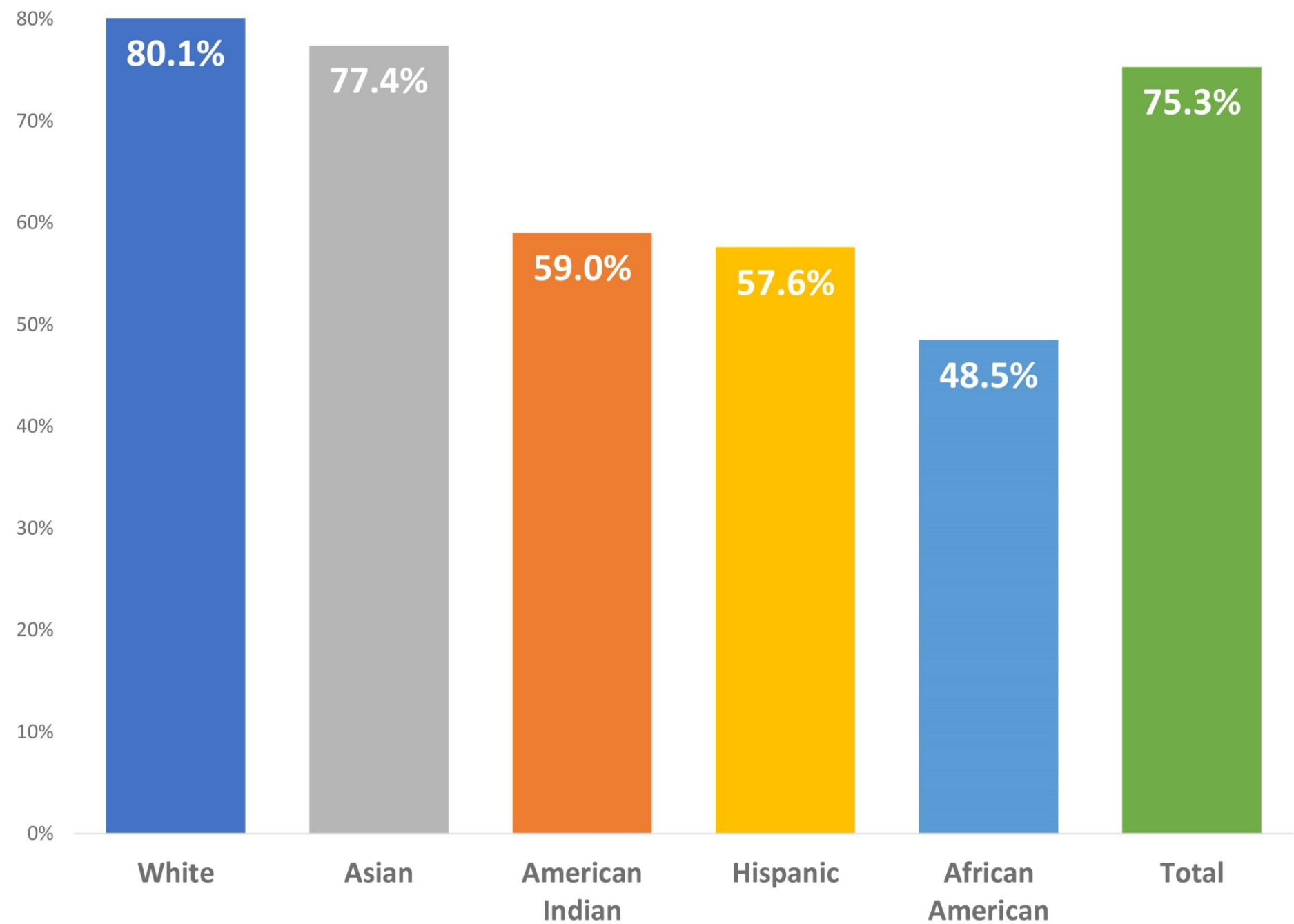
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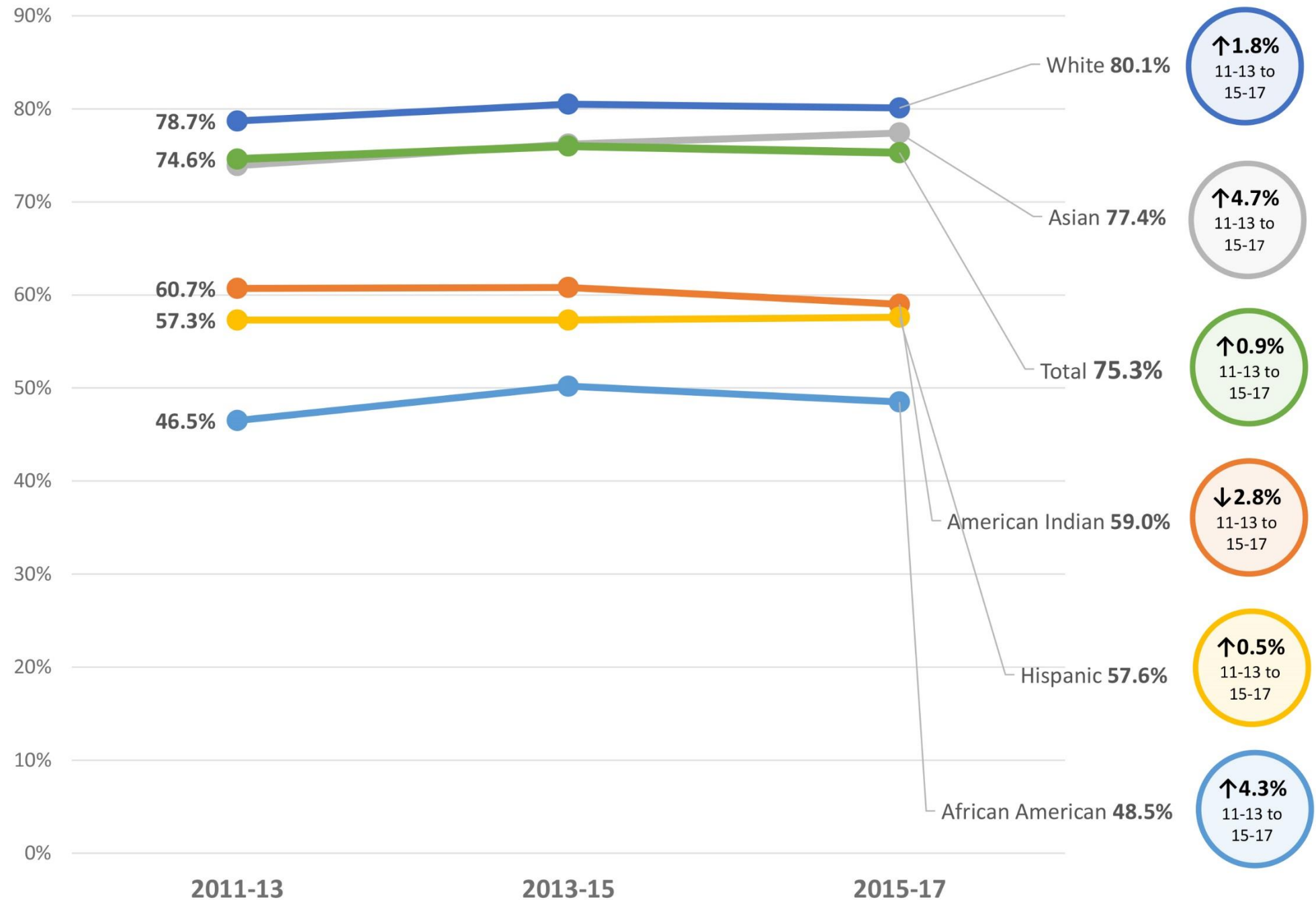
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SAFETY AT HOME

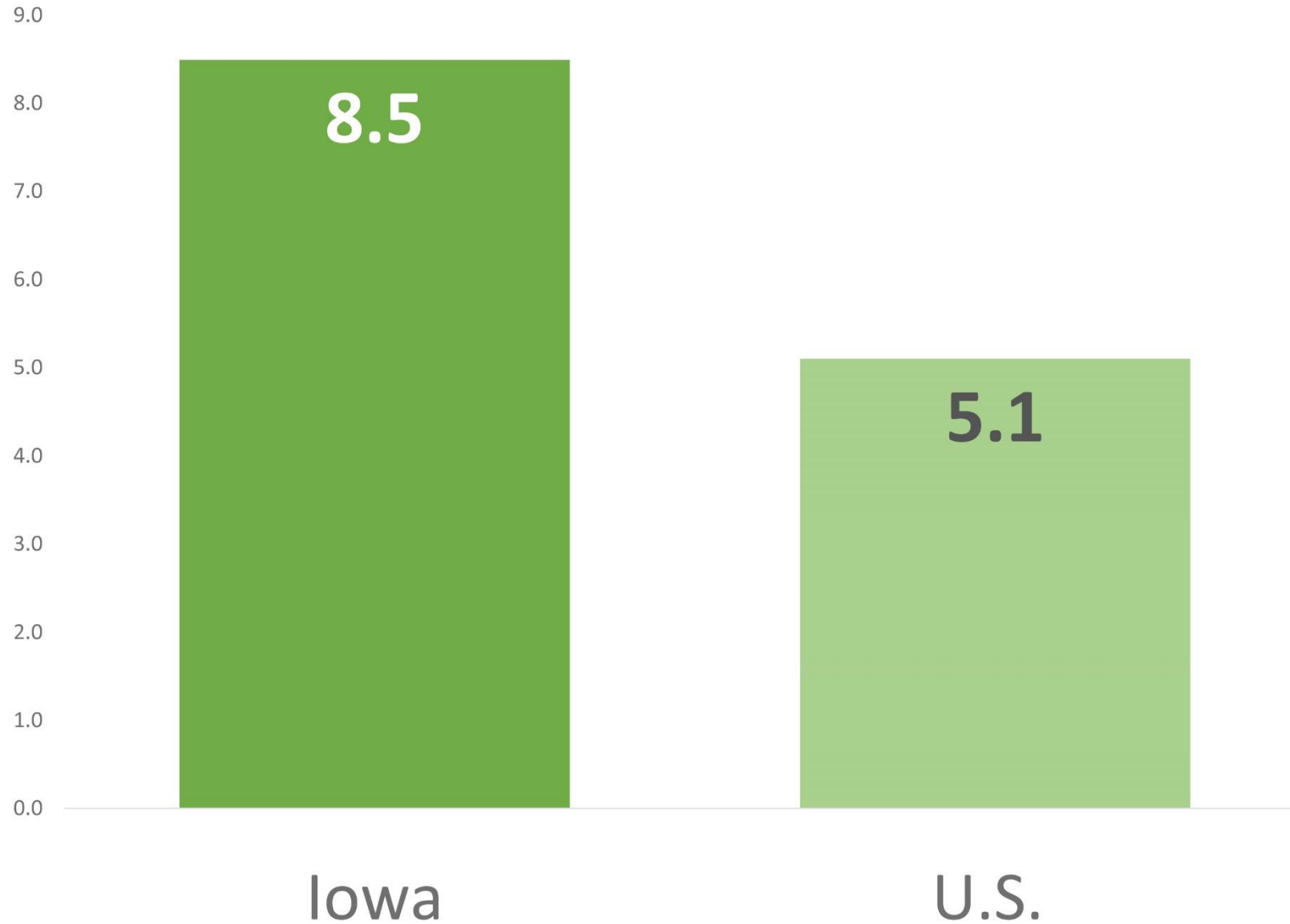
Is the child safe from abuse or neglect?

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**Foster care
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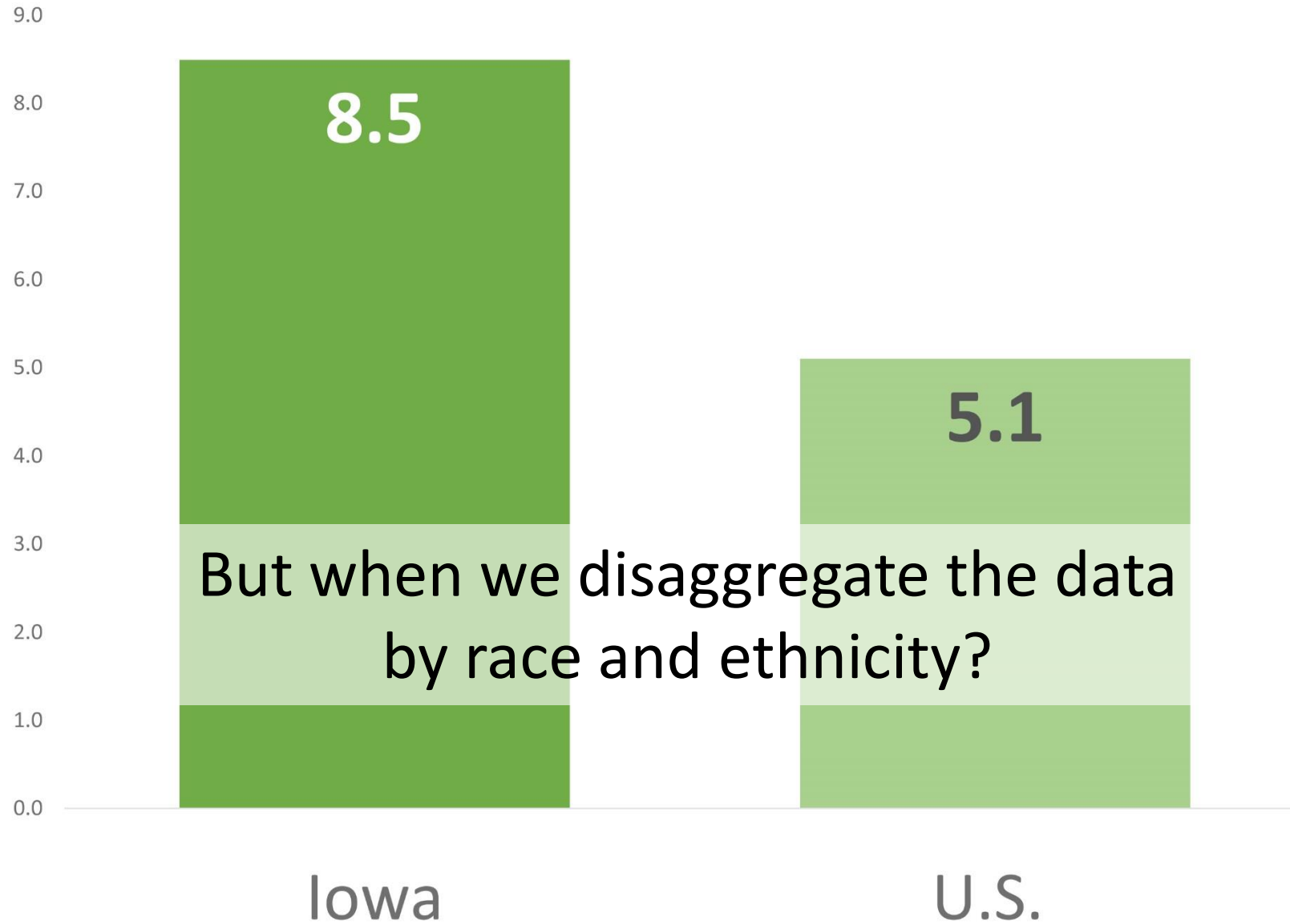
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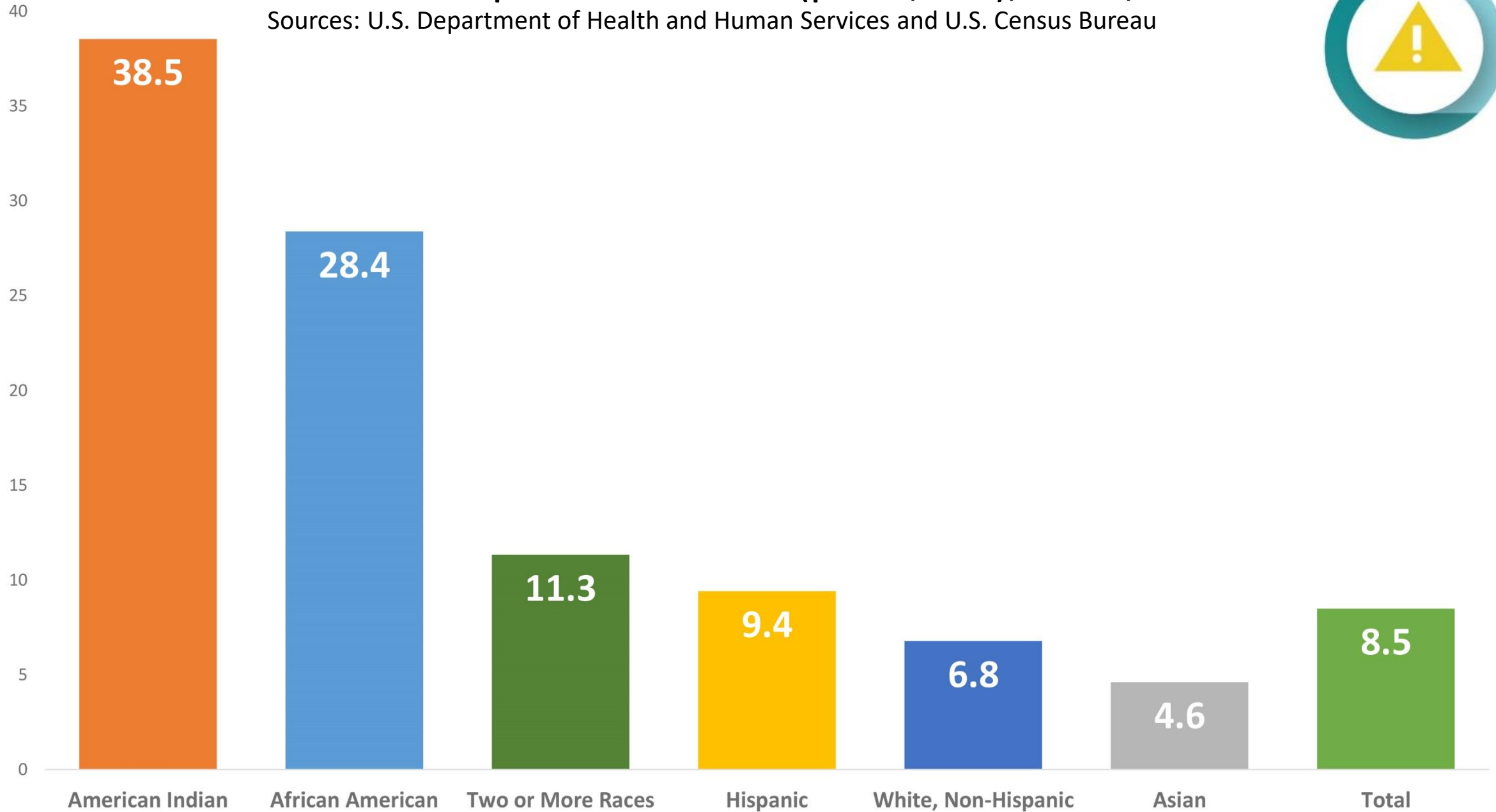
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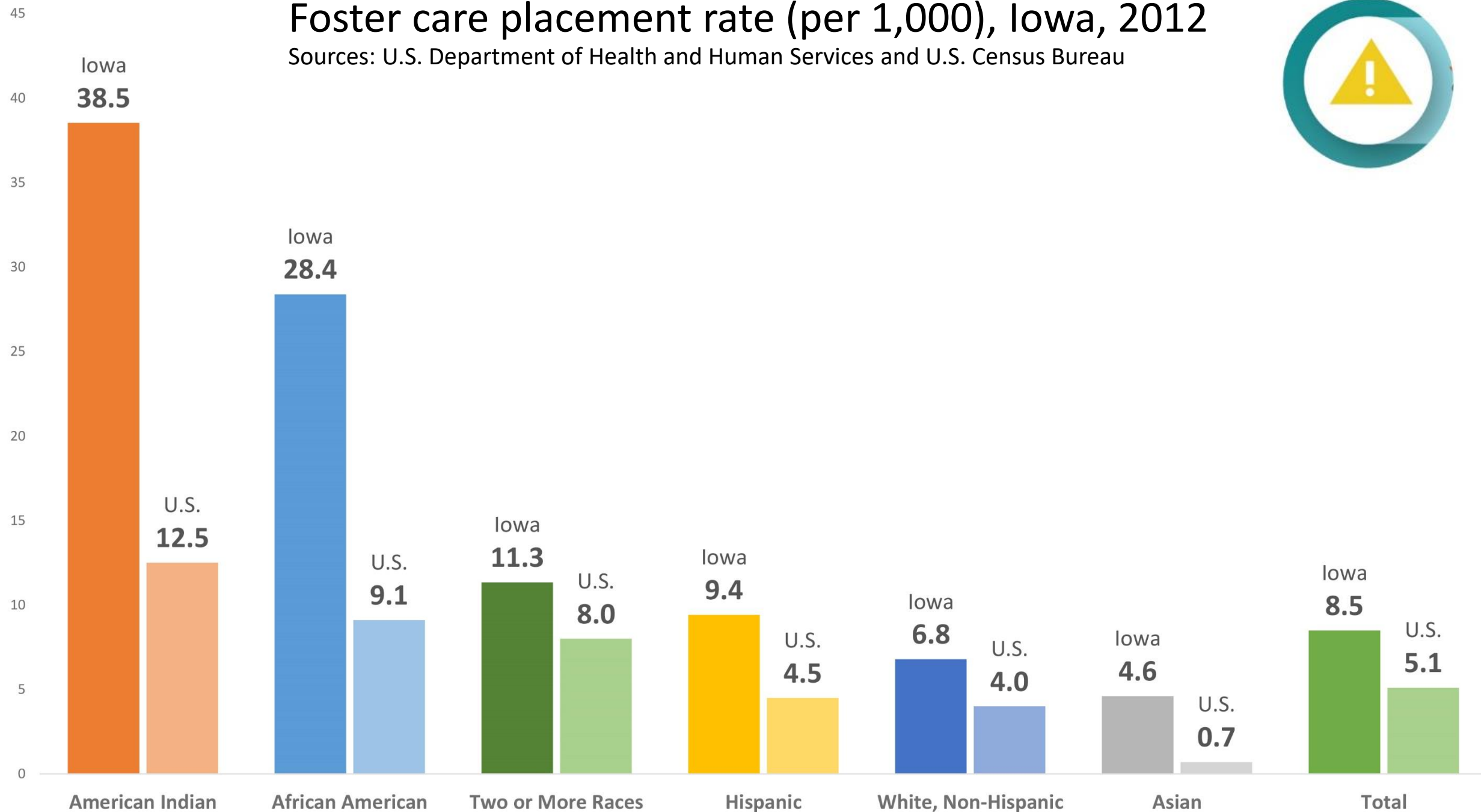
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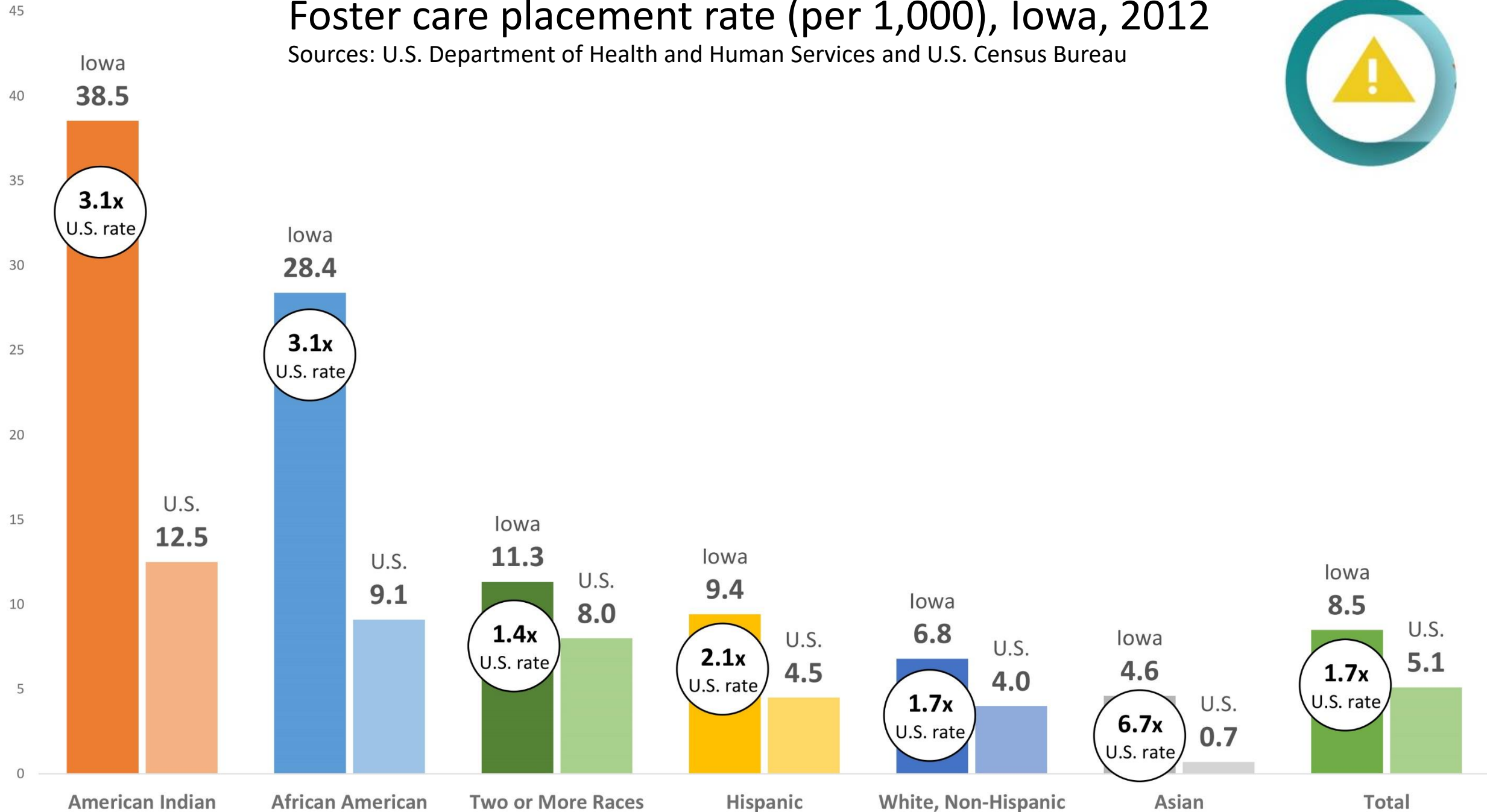
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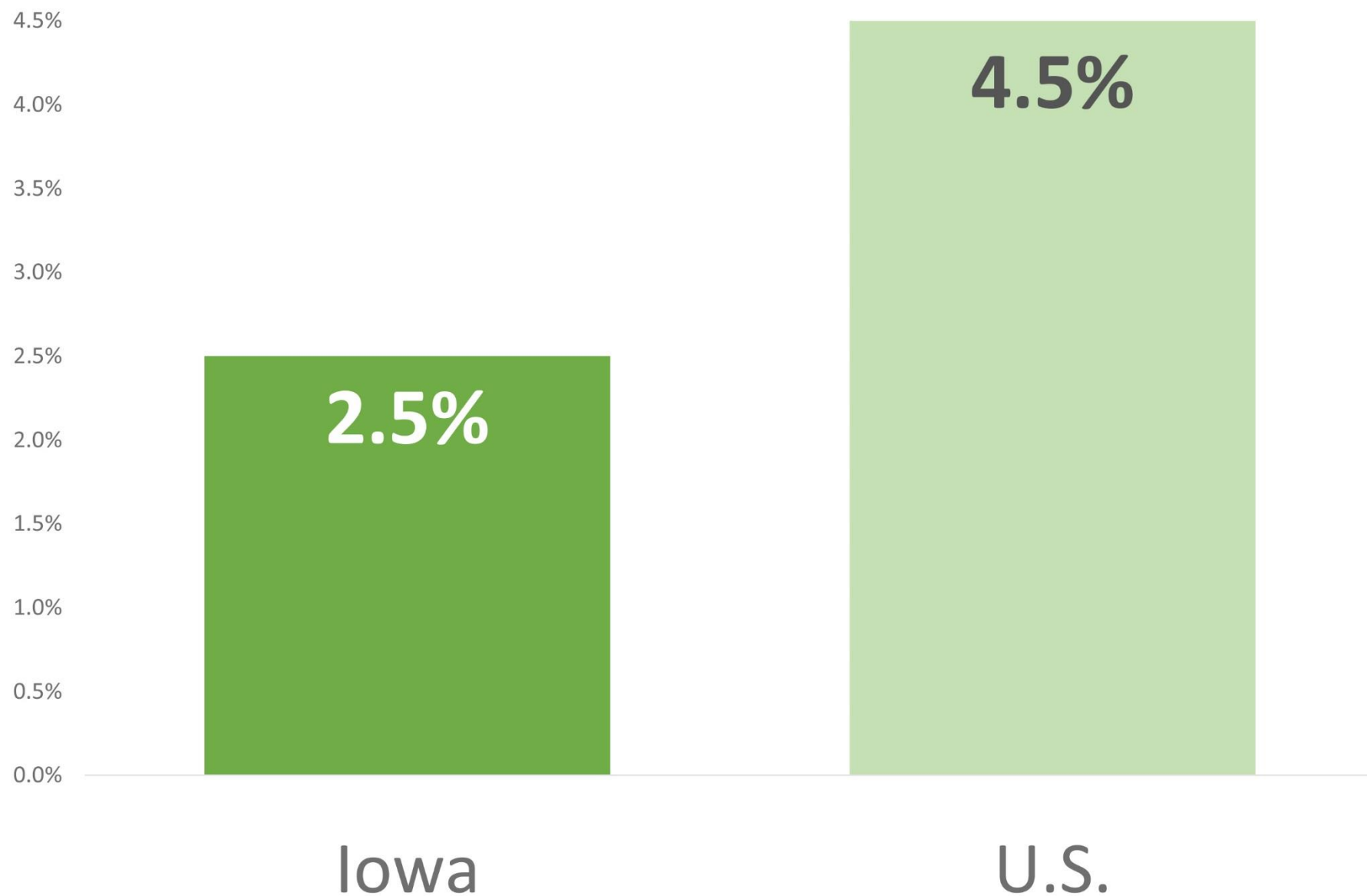
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Can the child get needed preventive care and treatment of illness or injury?

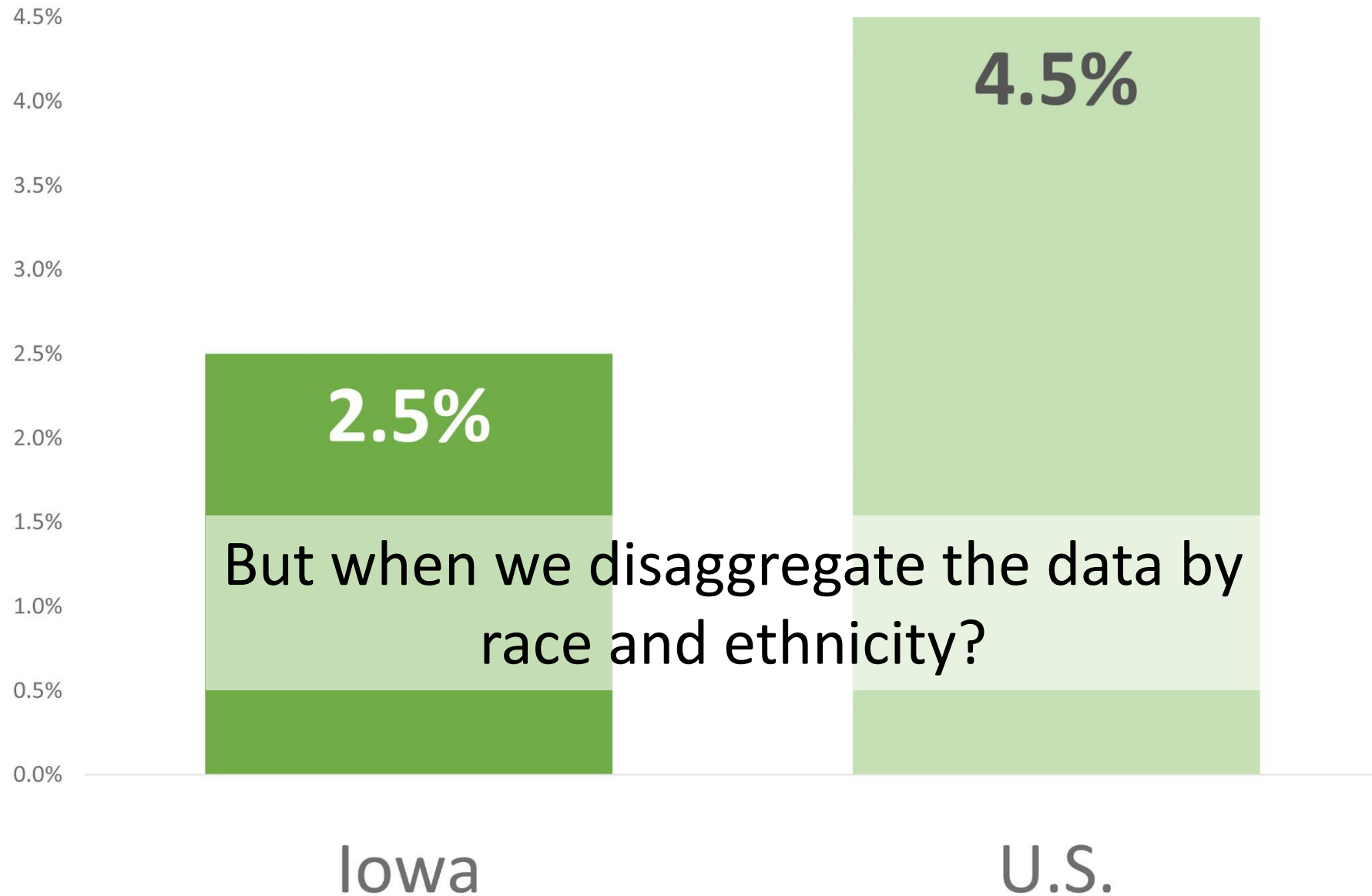
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Percent of children who are uninsured, 2016

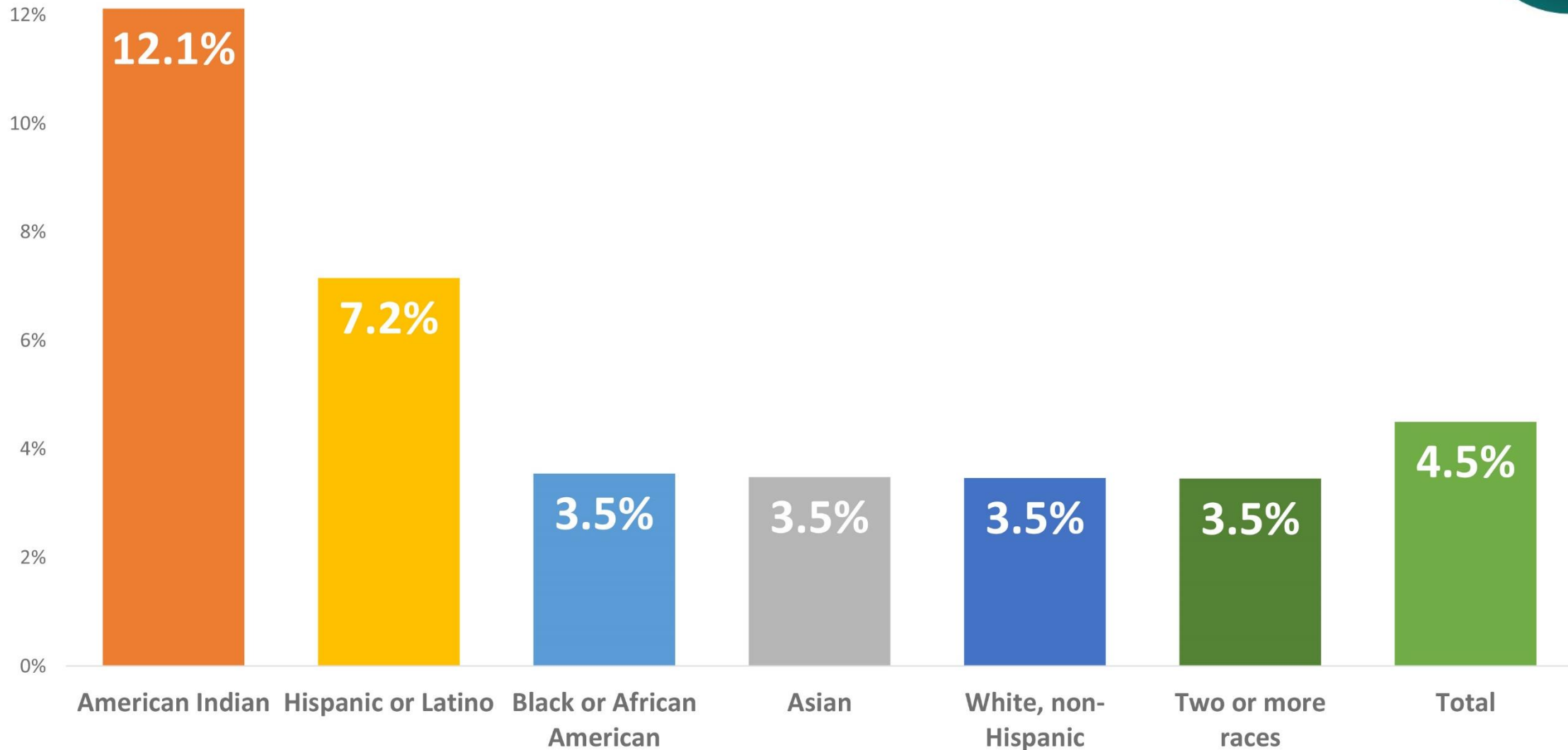


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Percent of children who are uninsured by race and ethnicity, U.S., 2016

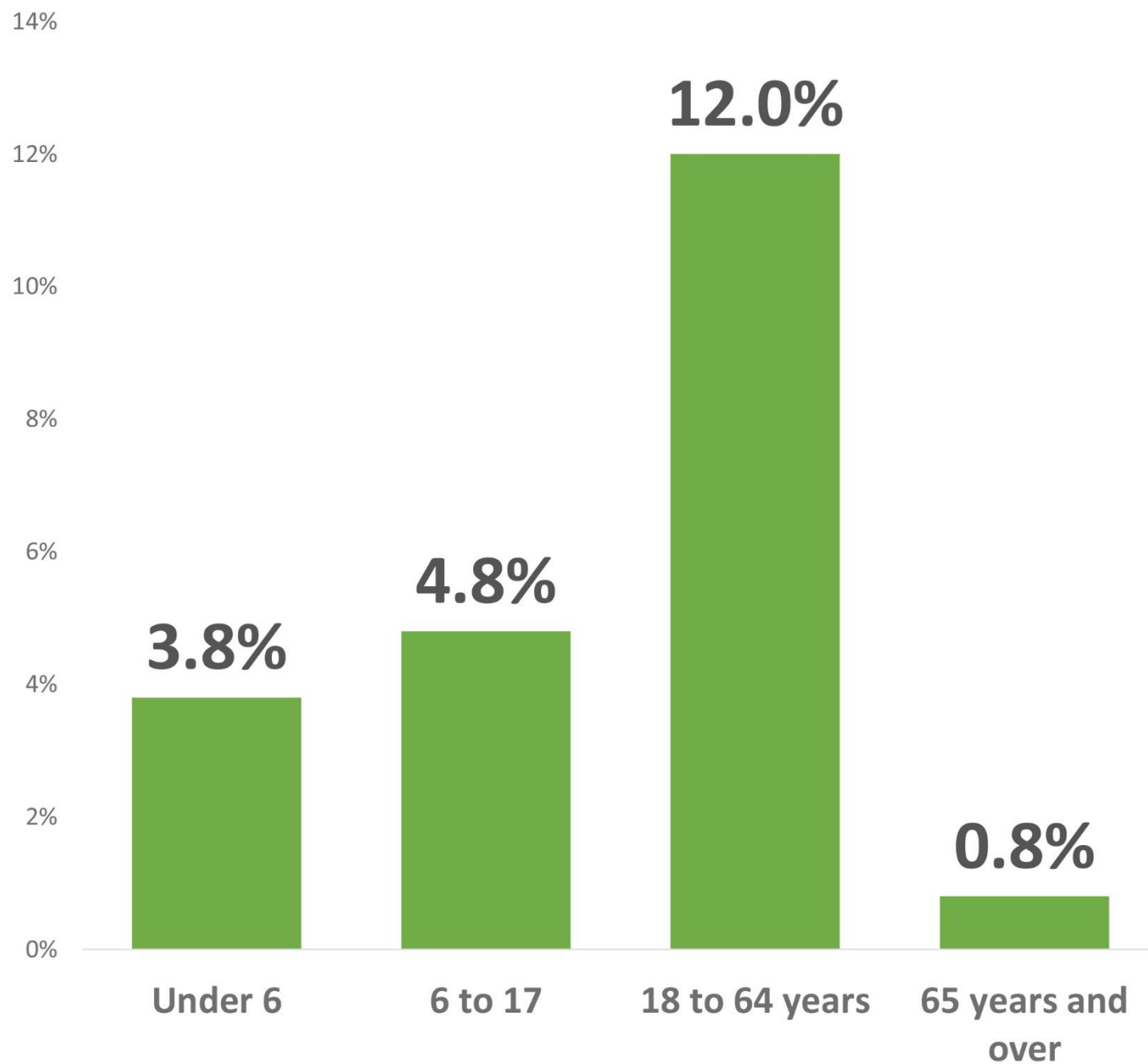
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-year estimates





Percent of people uninsured by age group, U.S., 2016

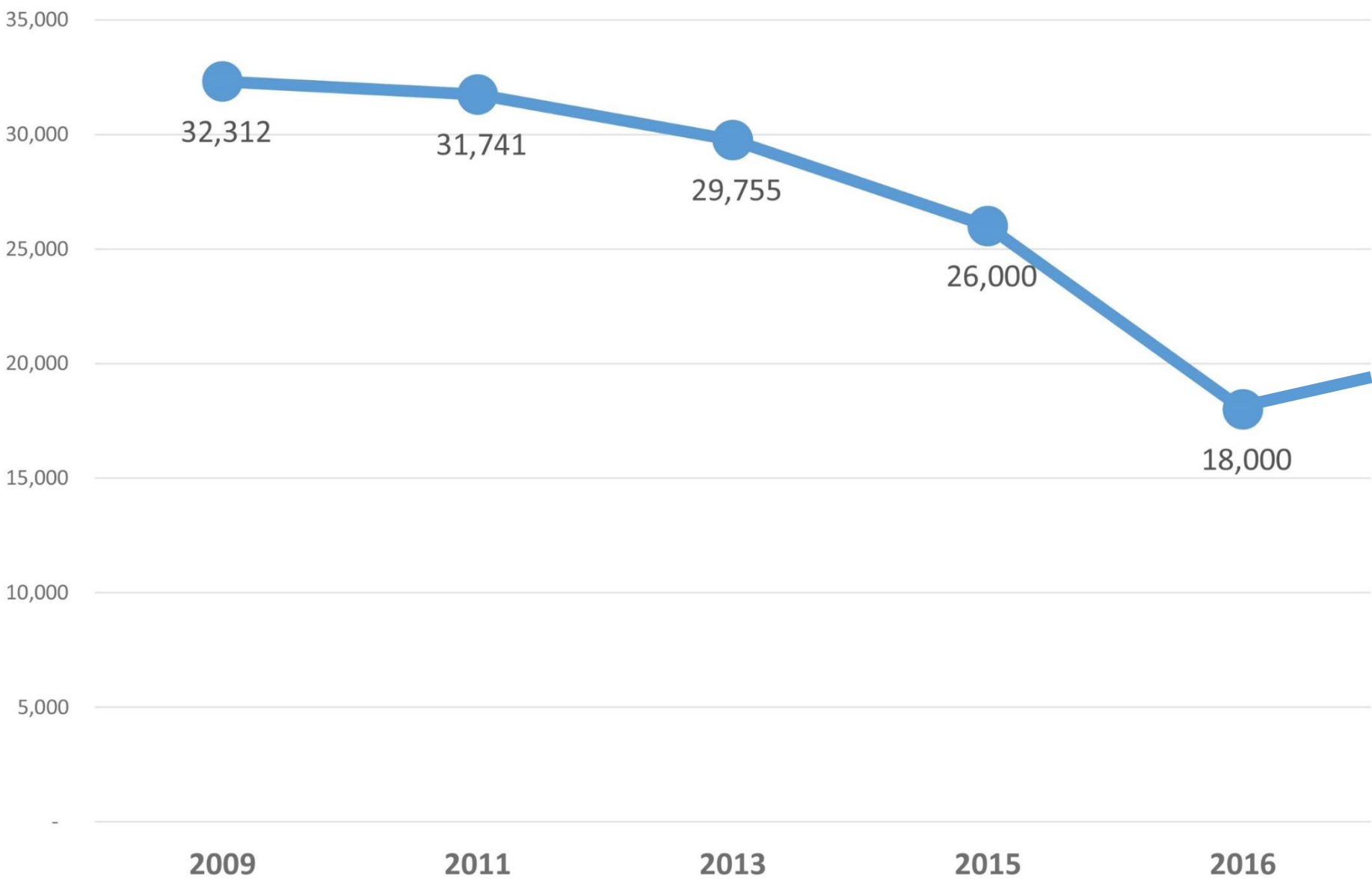
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Number of
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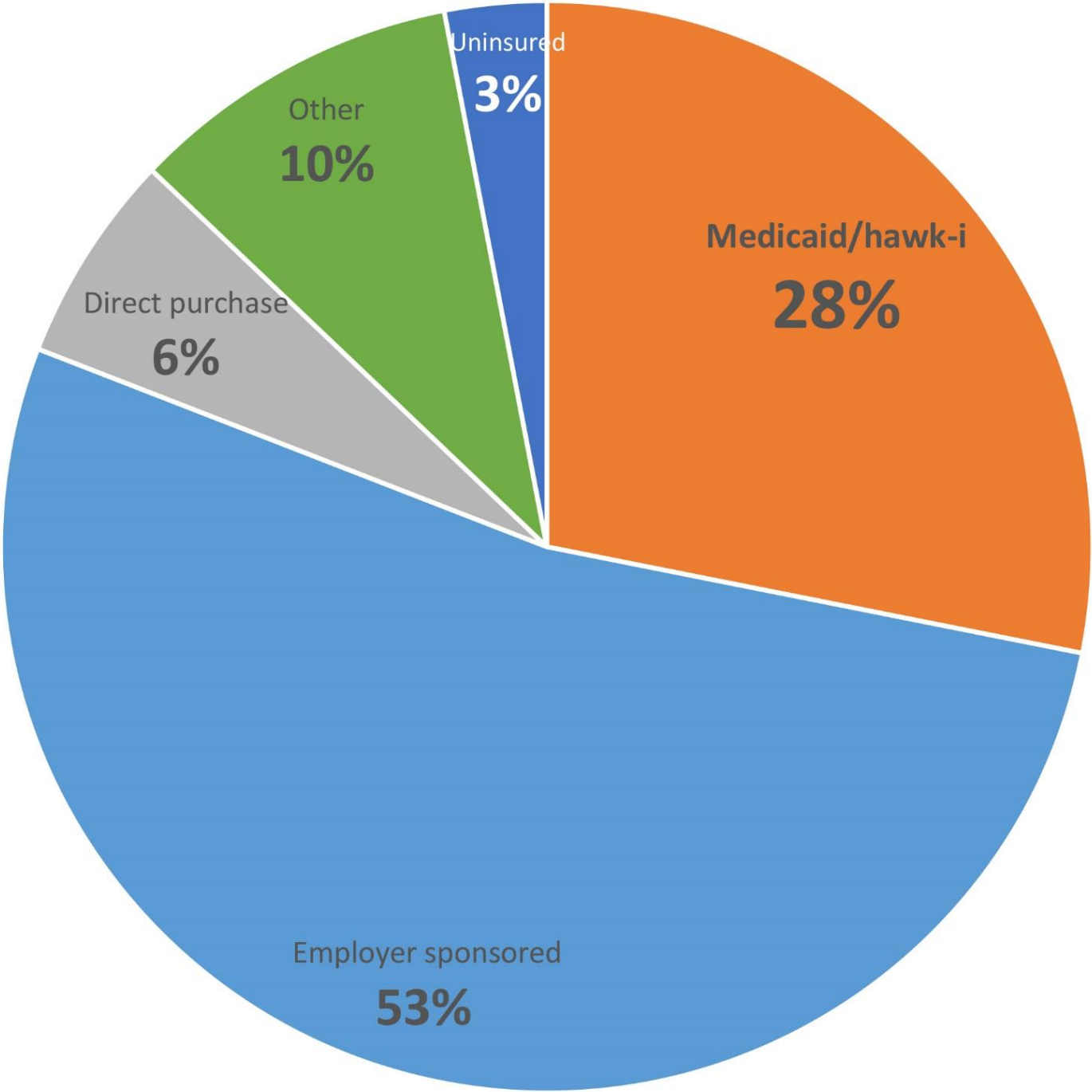
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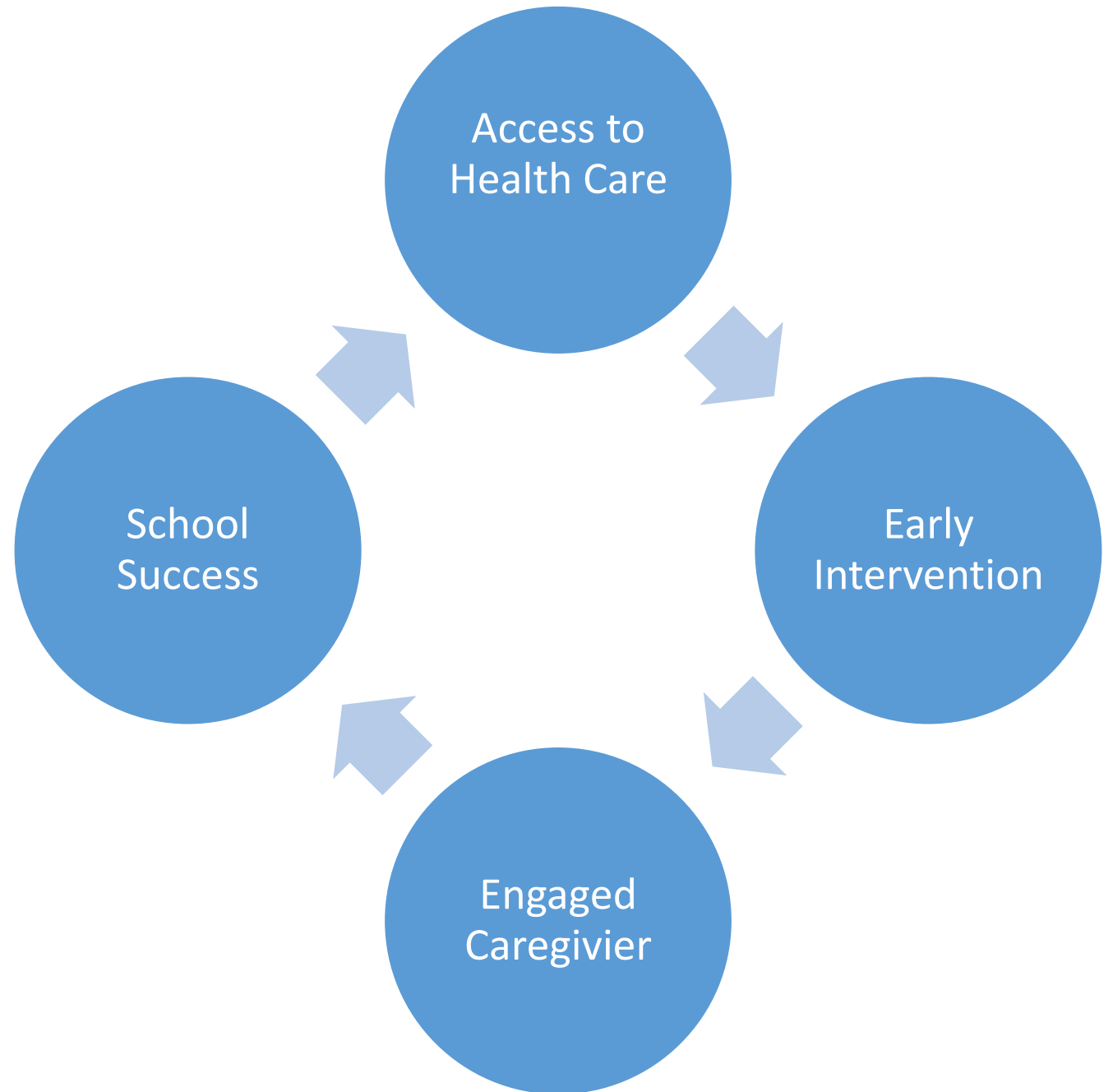


Share of Iowa
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- The point isn't to consider any of these individual indicators in isolation.
- They are interconnected.
- Intervention or support in one area may ultimately show up in gains in others.



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